



Governor's Books from Birth Foundation Highlights

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- Since October 2004 when the GBBF began paying half of the cost of the monthly book order for Tennessee counties, more than **3,077,000 Imagination Library books** have been delivered to Tennessee children at no cost whatsoever to the families.
- **Every child** under age 5 in Tennessee now has access to the Imagination Library.
- According to the 2000 U.S. Census, that is **374,880** children in **95** counties.
- The June 9 book order included more than **170,000** children in **95** counties.
- Nearly **48,000** Tennessee five-year-olds have already graduated from the Imagination Library, which means that our statewide program has actually served **more than 217,000 children** since the creation of the GBBF in 2004.
- The GBBF has used donated funds from Bellsouth, Bridgestone, Caremark, Comcast, Delta Dental, and Dollar General to purchase full sets of Imagination Library books for all 690 state-funded Pre-K classrooms.
- 8 counties have received Distressed County grants from donated funds to pay their half of the monthly book orders for periods ranging from 3 months to 1 year, renewable annually based on need. 4 counties are currently receiving Distressed County grants.
- All 973 Head Start classrooms in Tennessee have full sets of the Imagination Library books, provided by the GBBF using donated funds.
- The GBBF has raised more than \$1,033,000 in pledges and monies for statewide application, and more than \$349,000 for individual counties toward their half of monthly book costs.
- Many other states have contacted the GBBF, wanting to duplicate Tennessee's model for a statewide Imagination Library (Alaska, Florida, Indiana, Idaho, Illinois, Louisiana, Michigan, New York, Puerto Rico, Alabama, Kentucky, Georgia, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, New Mexico, etc.).
- Tennessee's Department of Labor and Workforce Development has developed course plans for its Adult Literacy Program using Imagination Library registration brochures and as an outreach to their students' children. They have registered nearly **2,000 children**.
- In 2006, www.GovernorsFoundation.org averaged 12,000 visits per month.
- Currently 152 teenagers representing 32 counties have already been inducted and countless others are creatively working toward membership in GBBF's *League of Extraordinary Teens*. These teens have personally registered more than 1,580 children and personally raised more than \$21,085 for their counties' Imagination Library program. Additionally, 9 counties have received donations from local Beta Clubs totaling more than \$3,835!